

REMARKS

Patent Application Serial Number 10/675,980 was filed on September 30, 2003. Applicants have not received any Office Action yet. As such, the Preliminary Amendment is being timely filed.

Attached as Exhibit 2 is a clean version of the amended patent application to reflect the changes made. These changes include the proper numbering of the paragraphs in the Specification, which was not provided in the original filing.

Early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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In the Drawings:

Please replace the drawing entitled "Glucocerebroside" showing Figure 1, with the "Replacement Sheet" attached herein as Exhibit 1.

A correction of the drawing depicting Figure 1 has been made. The original drawing incorrectly showed the structure of α -glucocerebroside. The present invention describes β -glucocerebroside. The Replacement Sheet correctly shows the structure for β -glucocerebroside. The correction only deals with the orientation of the sugar molecule. Specifically, the corrected drawing shows a β -glycosidic linkage to the ceramide moiety, and not an α -glycosidic linkage.